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During the period under review, a broad program of basic research in the area of Communication-Control Systems relevant to the needs of the Air Force was undertaken. Listed below are items in which significant progress was made, including both theory and application. Perhaps the item of maximum immediate practical interest to the Air Force worth special mention is in the area of Aircraft Flight Testing where -- for the first time anywhere -- flight test data from a Lockheed Jet Star was processed to extract stability and control derivatives as well as the intensity of the turbulence, demonstrating a new technique for handling flight data containing large gust response component.

1. System Identification

The Non-Linear White Noise Theory -- the likelihood ratio formula based on it -- developed by the Principal Investigator, was applied to generate a methodology and algorithms for the identification of unknown parameters of a dynamic system from noisy observation of its output, allowing for load disturbance [2,6,27][†]. The formula was immediately applied to the problem of extracting aircraft stability and control derivatives as well as turbulence parameters from flight test data. The software developed was demonstrated on actual (Lockheed Jet Star) flight data. Among the distinguishing features of this work are:

i) The time-continuous data model is used as opposed to the discrete-time models; in particular this avoids the limitation due to the universally made assumption in the discrete-time model that the observation (sensor) noise samples are independent.

[†] Numbers in brackets are keyed to the 'List of Publications'.

ii) Aircraft response to turbulence is determined simultaneously with relevant turbulence parameters, such as its intensity.

iii) Improved determination of "secondary" aircraft parameters [hitherto considered difficult to estimate] by taking account of the "turbulence" input.

2. Stochastic Control

In a realistic flight control system one must take into account the fact that the hydraulic servo is rate-limited. In stochastic theoretic language this can be translated to mean that the control has a probability-one amplitude constraint. Although the system is linear, this constraint makes the overall problem non-linear. One of the most asked questions is whether the optimal control obeys a stochastic 'bang-bang' principle. This problem has now been completely solved [12,22] using rather advanced stochastic integral theories. New approximation techniques for stochastic control problems have also been developed in the process.

3. Non-Linear White Noise Theory

In extending the linear filtering theory of Kalman with time-continuous data models to non-linear systems, it has been customary to use a "Wiener Process" model for the sensor noise. Not only is this inconsistent with the physical model, but even worse, the non-linear operations ("Ito integral") that result (for instance in the likelihood ratio formula) are simply not instrumentable. The first attempt to circumvent this difficulty was to develop a theory of "approximating" the Ito integrals [11]. Later a systematic theory which models 'white-noise' in the engineering sense of "large-bandwidth" noise has developed [29,30,31], and shown to be more appropriate. This is the 'non-linear white noise' theory. This theory has been applied to filtering, control and Identification problems [9,17,18,23]. It leads to new algorithms in Identification

problems. In non-linear filtering theory it leads to 'implementable' non-linear operations on the data. It also opens up the whole area of stochastic differential equations with white noise rather than Wiener process input [16].

One of the water-shed results in the Wiener process-Martingale theory is the formula of Girsanov, and it is essential for the non-linear white noise theory that an appropriate analogue be developed. This has been accomplished: 'a white noise version of the Girsanov formula' was presented at the prestigious Conference on stochastic differential equations in Kyoto, under the chairmanship of Ito himself [19]. With this breakthrough, it is now possible to examine identification problems for non-linear systems in the realistic 'white-noise' set-up.

4. Distributed Systems

In the problem of identifying aircraft stability and control derivatives in the presence of turbulence it is necessary to account for the non-rational nature of the turbulence spectrum [Von Karman vs. Dryden]. The dynamic system is lumped, but the state noise model is not. Hence the standard finite dimensional theory does not apply any longer, and constructing 'rational' approximation is cumbersome. A direct method in which a 'canonical' partial differential equation model for linear systems is developed is described in [1,23] and preliminary computational studies have been initiated. This theory is applicable to all linear systems whether lumped or not.

Identification problems for distributed parameter systems involve novel features which have no parallel in lumped systems (described by ordinary differential equations). An understanding of such problems is essential before we can develop the capability for applying identification techniques to handle such systems. Among these are the complexities introduced by the need to include phenomena on the boundary in addition to the (interior) region, and the modelling for example of stochastic processes incorporating space variables [24].

The Kalman filtering theory has been extended to distributed parameter systems (with distributed control and/or observation) by Functional Analysis Techniques -- in particular the theory of semigroups of operators over a Hilbert Space [9,13,25]. The problems that arise when the control or observation is confined to the boundary appear to be quite complex. Indeed this class of problems does not have an analogue in the case of ordinary differential equations and makes "intuition" difficult also. Basically it turns out that we have a generalization of the familiar linear system

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$$

$$y = Cx$$

to the case where the state-space is a Hilbert Space and A,B,C are all unbounded operators and B,C are "uncloseable". A theory to handle this situation for analytic semigroups (arising for example in the case of diffusion equations) has been developed [25,34]. A study of the boundary noise-input case for parabolic systems is presented in [14], using a white noise model. It is shown that the white noise concept extends easily to space-time random processes. A general theory of Identification problems involving distributed parameter systems is given in [10]. A new application of the theory to the problem of active control in unsteady aerodynamics (with potential impact on the flutter problem) has been initiated in [37]. The related stabilizability problems in infinite dimensional spaces is treated in [35,38].

5. Computing Algorithms

The 'epsilon-technique' of the Principia Investigator (developed in the previous period 1968-72) has continued to be an effective computational tool for solving optimal control problems, especially time-optimal control. An

extension of the technique to handle the case of state constraints-equality as well as inequality has been developed in [3]. Application to a non-linear time-optimal problem arising in Aircraft Flight Path Optimization is presented in [15] with a view in particular to obtain feedback solutions. One of the 'side' benefits accruing from the epsilon-technique has been the fact that it provides a constructive technique for proving the Maximum Principle -- a proof of this kind removing some of the earlier limitations is given in [26].

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